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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jang B. Rampal, et al.

Serial No: 09/694,701

Filed: October 23, 2000

For: IMMOBILIZATION OF
BIOPOLYMERS TO AMINATED
SUBSTRATES BY DIRECT
ADSORPTION

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: J. Tung

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 12, lines 1-6 with the following text:

a1 polypeptides, proteins, and their analogues. For example, when the target is a polynucleotide, the probe may comprise a polynucleotide that is complementary to the target polynucleotide (see Figure 1). When the target is a receptor or a ligand, the probe may comprise a ligand or a receptor that respectively recognizes and binds to the target receptor or ligand. When the target is an antigen, the probe may comprise an antibody that recognizes the antigen, or vice versa (see Figure 2).